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MR CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1942.

General Statistics.

Area—The area of the District is 47,011 acres.

Registrar General's estimate of resident population—4,567.

Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Books—1456.

Rateable Value—£17,923.

Sum represented by a Penny Rate—£79.

Social Conditions.

The usual peace time occupations are carried on. There have been no substantial changes in the employment in the fishing and mining industries.

Extracts from Vital Statistics.

		Total	Male	Female	
Live births	{ Legitimate	70	38	32	{ Birth rate per 1000 population—17 29
	{ Illegitimate	9	4	5	
Still births		2	0	2	{ Rate per 1000 births—24.69
Deaths		66	34	32	{ Rate per 1000 population—14.45
Deaths from puerperal sepsis—0					
Deaths from other puerperal causes—0					
Death rate of infants under one year—					
All infants, per 1000 live births—25.3					
Legitimate infants, per 1000 legitimate live births—14.3					
Illegitimate infants, per 1000 illegitimate live births—111.1					
Deaths from cancer (all ages) —11					
,, Measles—0					
,, Whooping Cough—0					
,, Diarrhoea—0					
Live births show an increase of 12, and deaths a decrease of 8 on last year's figures.					

General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

Medical Officer of Health (part time)—

Herbert F. Park, M.B., CH.B., Norham.

Sanitary Inspector—

J. Romans Lake, East Ord.

Vaccination Officers—

Norham—H. F. Park, M.B., CH.B.

Islandshire—J. Elliott, L.R.C.S.E., Lowick.

Laboratory facilities—County Laboratory, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Ambulance facilities—By arrangement with Berwick Town Council a modern ambulance is available for any purpose.

An auxiliary ambulance, which is stationed at Norham, is also available for ordinary purposes and road accidents.

Nursing Services.—The district is served by the nurses of the Northumberland County Nursing Association.

Hospitals.—There is no change in hospital accommodation.

Infectious cases are nursed in the Berwick and District Isolation Hospital.

The R.D.C.'s Smallpox Hospital at Oxford has not been in use during the year, but at the time of smallpox infection in neighbouring Counties the hospital was overhauled, repaired, and improved to be ready for emergency.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water.—There have been no alterations in water supplies during the year, and the existing arrangements have been satisfactory.

Drainage and Sewage.—There have been no major alterations in these systems.

Rivers and Streams.—There is no gross pollution in this area.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year :

			Total Cases.	Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Smallpox	...	...	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	2	2	0
Diphtheria	...	...	0	0	0
Enteric Fever	...	...	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	...	...	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	1	1	0
Pneumonia	...	...	1	0	0
Measles	...	...	16	0	0
Erysipelas	...	...	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	13	0	0
Cerebro Spinal Fever	...	...	1	1	1

Tuberculosis.

Age	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
5	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
35	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
55	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
65	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	..

Prevalence of Infectious Diseases.

During the year the incidence of infectious diseases has been very slight, measles and whooping cough forming the greatest part of notifications, and these were of a mild form.

Immunisation of School Children against Diphtheria.—The immunisation of both school and pre-school children was continued throughout the year, and approximately 98 % of school children and 75 % of pre-school children have been done.

Scabies.—There has been a fair amount of scabies throughout the district, mostly of a mild nature, and cleared up very well with treatment at home.

Venereal Diseases.—It is very difficult to form an idea of the incidence of this type of disease, but the number of known cases has been exceptionally few.

Tuberculosis.—There has been no marked increase in notifications during the year.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

Herbert. Y. Park
H. A. H.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR, for the Year 1942.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1942.

Visits of inspection have been made throughout the District during the year. No statutory notices have been served. Informal notices have been issued, and verbal instructions given to agents and responsible persons, and these notices and instructions have been well attended to.

Conditions of Dwellinghouses.—The defects in the older types of houses are dampness, insufficient light, want of ventilation, and the absence of proper food stores, and in some cases general dilapidations.

Owing to the war and the absorption of labour and the diversion of materials for national purposes, only a minimum of structural and repair work to property has been carried out during the year.

Plans.—Plans for the improvement of various properties have been submitted to and approved by the Council. These include the following :—

Sanitary arrangements at Galagate Farm Cottages.

Onion House at Old Ends, Beal.

Improvements at Ancroft South Moor Cottages.

Sanitary arrangements at White House, Horncliffe.

Sanitary arrangements at Salutation Inn.

Housing (Rural Workers) Act.—Plans were approved in respect of the following :—

One farm cottage at Velvet Hall.

Eight farm cottages at South Berrington.

Berrington Lodge.

Water Supplies.—The water supplies in the district have been satisfactory during the year. There has been no actual scarcity, but in some parts of the district, where the military have been stationed,

in considerable numbers, moderate supplies have been somewhat overtaxed. This was helped, however, by the use of tank wagons by the military. The supplies in the district are as follows :—

Fenwick.—This village is supplied by gravitation from a spring which rises in Kyloe Woods. The main supply pipe to the village is showing signs of corrosion. This matter is receiving the attention of the Council, and steps will be taken to have the defects remedied.

East Ord.—This is a gravitation water supply under the ownership of the local authority.

Cornhill.—The water supply to Cornhill village and the surroundings is pumped from a spring, and gravitates from a reservoir in a 2in. water main. The water is of good quality and ample quantity. This system is privately owned.

Norham, Hornccliffe, Thornton, and Shoreswood.—This is a gravitation water supply, and during the year the supply has been well maintained, and is of good quality and ample quantity. It is owned by the local authority.

The spring at Bow Well, which was the original supply for Norham Village, is gradually failing, and nearly the whole of Norham is now supplied from the reservoir at Shreswood Hall.

Rivers and Streams.—There are no public works in the area, and consequently no river pollution from these sources.

Sewerage and Drainage.—No main sewers have been laid during the year, but several drainage schemes in connection with alterations and improvements to property have been carried out. During the year six earth closets have been converted into water closets.

Schools.—The Hampshire priyy system is prevalent in nearly all the schools in the area. Water is laid on where gravitation supplies are available.

Disinfection.—All premises where infectious diseases occurred have been thoroughly disinfected, also all schools in the affected areas.

Dairies and Cowsheds (Milk Supply).—During the year dairies and cowsheds have been inspected. The cleanliness of these have been well observed, also flushing and whitewashing.

Factories and Workshops.—These number 34, and have all been well kept.

Disinfestation.—There was no occasion to disinfestate for the eradication of bed bugs.

Slaughterhouses.—The two slaughterhouses in the district are not now used as such. Meat supplies are sent from headquarters.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

Romanus
Sanitary Inspector.

East Ord,
Berwick-on-Tweed,
June, 1943.



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